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New Featherweight Champion, Johnny Kilbane, Who Beat Attell for Title He Has Held Ten Years

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COLUMNLike All Other Champions Attell
Fought Once Too Often After
Holding Title for Years.

ABE ATTELL, the pitcher that went too often to the well, like all other champions, he fought one fight too many, and he lost. Attell can never retire now as champion of the world. With many others he will fight along for a while, and then he will be known only as a once great boxer who lost his title and went down and down until the oblivion of a careless present closed over the glories of a forgotten past.

The terror of the has haunted Abe Attell for years, following him closely as his shadow, present every time he drew on a boxing glove, with him in his restless sleep, in his match-making, in the ring.

For Abe has held his championship for a long time, and has earned easy money by fighting men he could easily outpoint without much risk. He has always been a gambler. Easy come, easy go! Yet he has known the danger around him. He has seen other champions lose their honors and suddenly drop out of the limelight of popularity. He has realized that a champion must have money when he loses his title, for afterward money is hard to get. And in spite of this, in spite of his fear of taking a real chance, he never saved a dollar. Any kind of a gambling game could get his coin.

For years Attell has been "stalling," although not always in the way he liked to have the public think. Sometimes he was whipped in no-decision bouts, just as he was whipped by Matty Baldwin. Afterward he always talked about being sick, or having a broken arm or a broken hand, or he put on a wise smile and murmured gently that if he knocked out every fellow he met he'd never have anyone to fight. He liked to have people think he was "wise." But he wasn't "wise" aside from his ring fitness. If he had been really wise, with his boxing skill, he'd have fought "on the level" every time he started, and then when he met Johnny Kilbane at last, he would have been something of a popular ring hero like some of the other old timers who, like Matty Baldwin, always fought to win and win honestly.

MATTY BALDWIN and K. O. Brown fought a hard ten-round bout last night at the National A. C., evidently anxious to please the boxing commission, but the men in the ring ten minutes before 10 o'clock, and they were actually fighting at three minutes before 10.

In the first round it looked as if Matty would knock Brown out. He called in confidently and slammed K. O. all over the ring. Then Knockout managed to swing two hard lefts against Matty's ribs, and Matty rested for a round.

Baldwin was really the better boxer. He learned all about Brown's left hand in the first couple of rounds, and after that usually managed to block K. O.'s hardest punches or chop a short right across inside.

In spite of being outboxed at first, K. O. never stopped tearing in. He was stronger than Baldwin, but he had better endurance. Matty showed signs of weariness as early as the third round. He used his superior ring generalship to stall a little and rest up. In breaking from the clinches he was always holding Brown's arms for a couple of seconds. In the clinches he threw his weight on K. O., who wasn't worried much, and who showed no signs of weariness from start to finish.

Baldwin had a tough time of it in the fifth, when Brown's swings battered his ribs and made him look even worse than he felt. After the second round he looked better. In the latter half of the fight Baldwin had Brown's left measured, and met his force rushes with short inside rights. In the beginning of the eighth round he stopped hitting hard with his right, using it only for short straight punches. He threw a few side wipes at K. O.'s chin, Brown was the stronger at the finish, and although Baldwin had outboxed him was forcing the fighting and looked at to win over a longer route.

MURDER GIBBONS and Willie Lewis will wind up a week of rather exceptional ring battles tonight when they meet at the Empire. Gibbons is the opinion that this is Willie's farewell appearance as a title challenger. Willie was a great fighter. He was outboxed by any means, but he has never been out of the ring for twelve years, and twelve years is about as long as one can last in the form in the ring unless he takes unusually good care of his body. This is what Lewis hasn't done. He is a very fighter—more than Gibbons. He is a better boxer, but after each one of his more brilliant exploits in the ring he has slipped away for a few months and other things period. The effect has been shown afterward in his fighting. Several times Willie has "come back," but periodical slips and comebacks don't go with the fighting game. Lewis is said to have been training very hard for this fight, with Gibbons, intending to make a last desperate effort. He surely hasn't picked easy game, for Gibbons is one of the best middleweights in the country. Gibbons will have the advantage of youth, practice, strength, weight, quickness, and the recollection of a former easy victory over the cast side puncher.

Twenty-three-Year-Old Proves the Master of Old Title Holder at Every Point in Twenty-Round Battle at Los Angeles—All Abe's Tricks Futile Against Speedy Cleveland Youngster.

Attell Champion for Ten Years Has Had Great Career in Ring.

Abe Attell has had a remarkable ring career. Although only twenty-three years old yesterday he has held the featherweight title ten years. Not only has he been invincible among featherweights, but often has beaten lightweights with comparative ease. Attell was a fourteen-year-old messenger boy in France when he began his fighting career. He was successful from the start. He usually won by quick knockouts. Up to date he has fought about 175 battles and has won a fortune in purses. Only during late years has he managed to save anything and to-day he is worth probably \$50,000. Most of his earlier winnings he squandered gambling.

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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.

JOHNNY KILBANE of Cleveland was proclaimed the new featherweight champion of the world over Abe Attell at the Vernon Arena at the close of the twenty rounds of cyclone fighting. Both men were on their feet and mixing furiously at the finish.

A great hurrah went up from the audience, the largest the old pavilion had ever housed, when Referee Charley Eytton elevated Kilbane's hand in token of the latter's victory. Instantly the crowd surged through the ropes, and attendants of the new prize ring star had to shield him from his friends.

Thirteen out of the twenty rounds were clearly Kilbane's. Not until the fourteenth round did Attell begin to show a trace of his vaunted dexterity. Kilbane outboxed, outpointed and evaded the veteran, and when they clinched Kilbane displayed the strength of a panther. Attell invoked all his resources and ingenuity, but the old time resiliency had gone. In the fourteenth round Attell rushed Kilbane with rights and lefts to the jaw in the latter's corner, but the Cleveland man came out of the mixing smiling.

Attell tried to follow his usual custom, evidently in the hope that he could win by letting the other man wear himself out. But this time he was up against a young man endowed with all the tenacity and snap of a whiplash. Early in the contest Attell tried to get Kilbane "goat" with his feet, but the old blue eyes of the latter never lost their calm level gaze, and in their fierce scintillations Kilbane was a smile.

The sixteenth round Attell resumed Kilbane with his head, cutting a gas-

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT COAST BOUT.

Kilbane's end	\$5,000
Attell's end	\$5,000
Total receipts	\$50,000
Moving pictures	25 per cent. to each fighter
Attendance	10,000
Referee	Charles Eytton
Setting	Attell 19-4 favorite

an inch long across the right temple, from which the blood streamed. Several times Attell was cautioned for roughing his opponent with his elbows. Kilbane was too shifty for the champion. Time and again the veteran swung rights and lefts for Kilbane's face. The latter always stepped inside neatly, and Attell did not reach Kilbane's face with his hands. A dozen damaging blows.

Kilbane seemed to reach Attell with ease. In the early part of the fight he opened Attell's injured eye, and also had him bleeding from the mouth. broke Kilbane rocked Abe's head with a left and then landed his right on the ribs. Kilbane's round.

ROUND 16—Kilbane rushed and began a tattoo on the face. Referee Eytton grabbed Attell and motioned Kilbane to his corner. Taking a towel, the referee rubbed the grease from Attell's body. Kilbane again rushed, ducked an uppercut and landed left to the jaw. Then with a right he rocked Attell's head. Head to head Kilbane rained blows after blow on Attell's body. As they clinched Attell butted Kilbane over the eye, making him bleed profusely. The spectators jumped to their feet and began hissing both Attell and Referee Eytton. Kilbane's round.

ROUND 17—Both rushed and fought furiously. Attell complained of Kilbane's holding, but was himself warned not to use his head again. In a clinch Johnny got in three blows to one from his opponent. Abe seemed to realize that he must make a strong finish and rushed, but was met every time with straight lefts. Kilbane clearly outboxed the champion. At close quarters Kilbane nearly lifted the champion off his feet with a right to the stomach. Kilbane's round.

ROUND 18—It was clinch and break, with neither doing any damage. After a minute of this kind of work Kilbane stepped away and then rocked Attell's head with a straight left. Attell missed twice and jumped into a clinch. He was tired and looked worried. The round ended with both in a clinch, but doing no damage.

ROUND 19—Both were wary, Kilbane leading first. He then backed into his own corner and when Attell rushed he dodged a right and sent a stinging left to Abe's ribs. The spectators now were yelling wildly for Kilbane. Attell jumped to a clinch and was pushed half way across the ring. As they broke Kilbane landed his left on the head, and the champion looked more worried. They clinched, and Referee Eytton in trying to break them got Kilbane's left fist on his jaw. Kilbane's round.

ROUND 20—As they came to the center Kilbane sent a left that rocked Attell's head. They clinched. Kilbane landed hard lefts and rights and jumped back out of a clinch. Attell dodged a right and sent a stinging left to Kilbane's head. Attell was upset. Attell with a hard left to the face. He put another right to the head and they clinched head to head, exchanging vicious blows. Kilbane sent a hard right to Abe's head. The champion plainly was weakening. They were in a clinch as the song sounded. Referee Eytton pulled them apart and declared Kilbane the winner.

ATTOLL SHOWS FLASH OF SPEED.

ROUND 14—Kilbane seemed to force the fighting. He landed a hard left on the nose and the champion winced and then clinched. Wrestling the Cleveland about the ring. An exchange of long-range jabs followed, and then, in a flash, Kilbane brought a roar from the spectators by initiating the "Texas Tommy" around the referee. He then let go left and right to the face. It was Kilbane's round with Attell apparently tired.

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Jacobsen's Thirst for Knowledge May Earn Him Major League Job

"Big Steve," a Promising Candidate for an Outfield Job, Displays Ability and Eagerness to Learn Game Under McGraw's Tutelage.

BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

Marlin, Tex., Feb. 23.

FAIR back in the head of big Steve Jacobsen, the seven foot outfielder, there is a definite idea. If it gets to the front by the first of April McGraw is going to have another outfielder to help him win the pennant. This young giant—and he is a giant in size as well as in name—came here with the express purpose of learning everything that McGraw knows, and if he keeps up his present thirst for learning he will come pretty close to landing a major league job.

In two days Jacobsen has learned to hit in right field and to bunt. He watched McGraw like a hawk, and everything that the Little Major does while at bat the big fellow gives a try, while at bat the big fellow gives a try, while at bat the big fellow gives a try.

JACOBSEN DETERMINED TO WIN BERTH.

"There is the most earnest ball player I have seen in years," said McGraw as he watched Big Steve try to turn a drive into right field. "You don't have to tell him but once. You fellows may have some fun out of this fellow on account of his size, but I want to tell you that he has a thinking tank and he is using it every minute."

As the team went out to practice this morning Jacobsen hung right at McGraw.

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Short Sketch of Johnny Kilbane.

The rise of Johnny Kilbane, the new world's featherweight champion, has been meteoric. He has only been taking real active part in things pugilistic for a little over two years. Before that time, or since 1905, he was spasmodically engaged in the game, but only in minor bouts. Johnny was born and reared in Cleveland. He will be twenty-three years old on April 13. He is married and has a baby daughter, Mary Collette. He is a Roman Catholic, his habits are of the best and he is devoted to his family. His father is blind and he weekly contributes to his support.

After beating all the boys of prominence around his home in the Forest City and other nearby cities in Ohio, Johnny accepted the invitation of Promoter Tom McCarey to participate in the featherweight elimination bouts at Los Angeles to decide a fit opponent for Abe Attell for the championship. He earned the right to this chance by defeating such tough customers as Joe Rivera, Fatsy Kline and Frankie Conley.

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FIGHT RESULTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—Frank Klans of Pittsburgh won a twenty-round decision from Sailor Petroskey out at the American Pavilion. If Petroskey's showing was pitiful, and it was, because after the fourth round he had no more prospects than of staying the limit and taking a beating, the work of the Pittsburgher was a distinct disappointment.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 23.—Billy Papke showed in his fight with Frank Mantell that his encores for middleweight honors were only victorious. In their twenty-round bout in this city Mantell cuffed Papke all over the ring, and toward the end had the ex-champion hanging on, waiting for the going.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Tolly Malone, moved his opponent over Young Jack O'Brien in the third round at the Biscuits A. C. and was rattled by the boxer after the sixth round. Young Jack won an early lead in the first two rounds, but after the third, and Malone, by means of his aggressiveness, was able to reclaim with hard blows.

PUEBLO, Col., Feb. 23.—Eddie Johnson of Pueblo scored a draw in a ten-round battle here with Willie Feltz, the Boer. Willie landed the most of the fighting, he was unable to land any thing home.

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The Fight by Rounds

ROUND 1—Both men walked slowly to the center. After sparring they clinched and Kilbane landed a hard right to the jaw on the break. For the next minute both men stood in the center and not a blow was exchanged. Then they clinched and Kilbane put a left and a right to the jaw. He was quick as lightning. They clinched again and Attell missed a right. Young even.

ROUND 2—Each tried to feel out his opponent. Kilbane put a vicious left to the jaw and avoided a left counter. Attell did not seem as fast on his feet as Kilbane. The Cleveland landed right and left and avoided returns. He brought down Attell's mouth with a straight left. Kilbane again landed two hard lefts to the face, starting the blood flowing. A right to Attell's bad eye nearly closed that optic. Kilbane's round.

ROUND 3—They clinched and Kilbane complained to the referee that Attell bent his arm. Attell held on and at the break dodged a vicious left to encounter a hard right. Each man was fighting roughly. In the next clinch Attell was warned for "heeling." Kilbane put right and left to the face. The bell rang and the men clinched. Kilbane's round.

ROUND 4—They came to the center slowly and Kilbane jabbed Attell twice. Attell tried to clinch, but ran into a hard right. The boys clinched and wrestled about the ring. Kilbane was landing three blows to Attell's one. The crowd yelled for Attell for holding. Kilbane, backing away, motioned for Kilbane to come on, to which the Cleveland responded with a stiff left to the jaw. Kilbane's round.

ROUND 5—Attell's left eye was swollen and nearly closed, and Kilbane kept pecking at it. Attell continually clinched and held on. The spectators yelled for him to fight. Kilbane backed away and Attell followed, putting a good left to the jaw. Kilbane's round.

ROUND 6—Kilbane twice jabbed Attell's bad eye. He then rushed, but was stopped by a stiff left to the mouth. Attell's first hard blow. They then exchanged long-range jabs. Kilbane rushed and received a hard left to the jaw. The balance of the round was one long clinch.

ROUND 7—Attell forced the fighting. He sent a left to the jaw and Kilbane backing away, retaliated with left and right to the face. Kilbane nearly upset the champion with a straight left to the jaw. Kilbane backed away and Attell followed, putting a good left to the jaw. Kilbane's round.

ROUND 8—Kilbane landed Attell all over the ring and did not let up. Attell's head was battered and he was slipping away for a few months and other things period. The effect has been shown afterward in his fighting. Several times Willie has "come back," but periodical slips and comebacks don't go with the fighting game. Lewis is said to have been training very hard for this fight, with Gibbons, intending to make a last desperate effort. He surely hasn't picked easy game, for Gibbons is one of the best middleweights in the country. Gibbons will have the advantage of youth, practice, strength, weight, quickness, and the recollection of a former easy victory over the cast side puncher.

Crescent Seven May Get Joiled

The Crescent Athletic Club and Hockey club teams will play their final game in the amateur hockey championship series to-night at the St. Nicholas rink, the outcome of which will have a material effect in determining the championship. A victory for the New Moon team would mean that the Crescent Seven would be the champions, while a victory for the Crescent Seven would mean that the Crescent Seven would be the champions.

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